as the distance between New Delhi and Nagpur is too much for a Shatabdi type train which are primarily intercity trains having sitting accommodation only. Besides, the extension is not feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Stoppage of trains at Habibganj

†297. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation to provide stoppage of Jhelum, A.P., G.T., Pushpak, Karnataka, Kerala, Mangala, Chennai-Jaipur and Rajkot-Jabalpur express trains at Habibganj Station;

(b) if so, whether passengers have to face a lot of difficulties while boarding or alighting from the trains due to non-stoppage at Habibganj; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes., Sir.

(b) and (c) 2967/2968 Jaipur-Chennai Express (tri weekly) is already stopping at Habibganj. For the convenience of Habibganj passengers; stoppage of 1077/1078 Pune-Jammu Tawi Jhelum Express and 1463/1464 Rajkot-Jabalpur Express (4 days a week) at Habibganj station has been provided *w.e.f.* 1.9.2001.

Stoppage of other trains at Habibganj has not been found feasible at present.

Remodelling of Bandra Station

298. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have planned for remodelling of Bandra Railway Station in Mumbai;

(b) what is the estimated cost for the above remodelling and what are the facilities to be provided;

(c) whether some portion is to be sold to private offices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Recruitment of Scientists by CSIR

299. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new policy for recruitment of Scientists in the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research is under consideration/implementation by Government ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the reservation, if any, for the reserved categories?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY(DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The new Recruitment Rules have already been notified on 11.12.2001. These rules are effective in the matters of assessment promotions from 01.01.2001; and for the purpose of recruitment, from 01.4.2002. Government of India Rules/orders regarding reservation of posts, issued from time to time are applicable to appointments in CSIR.

Science and Technology Policy

300. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government are going to formulate new Science and Technology Policy for the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that a draft of such a policy has already been formulated and is awaiting vetting by experts;

(c) whether views have been obtained from cross sections of society, to secure full support from the public ; and

(d) if so, what are the main suggestions which came from the public and others?